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NOTES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT-INVASIVE ADVENT OF MESQUITE (MIMOSA-CEAE: Prosopis) IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. - In a recent article (Holland, Madroño 34:324-333, 1987), I speculated that one or both species of mesquite present in the San Joaquin Valley (Prosopis glandulosa and P. pubescens) were naturalized sometime between 1870 and 1890. Additional support for the hypothesis of human-mediated establishment of P. glandulosa has since been found in an article by Mackie (Nemophila 8:30, 1920) from which we quote in part: "Some years ago, Mr. J. A. Jastro, a well-known cattleman, introduced the large-podded mesquite (Prosopis glandulosa) into the head of the San Joaquin Valley in Kern County to improve the cattle ranges. The bushes grew from seeds producing less than a dozen individuals. When these specimens fruited the cattle at once began to feed on the pods and in this manner the mesquite was spread over a large area lying between Buena Vista lake reservoir and Button Willow." Haas et al. (Texas Agric. Exp. Sta. Monogr. 1:10-19, 1973) have shown that P. glandulosa can produce flowers within three years of germination, although other information (Mooney et al., In Simpson, ed., Mesquite: its biology in two desert scrub ecosystems, 1977) indicates that longer periods may be normal. Given Linton's observation of "an occasional patch of mesquite and sage" on the north shore of Buena Vista Lake in 1907 (Condor 10:196-198, 1908), the introduction may have occurred as late as 1900.

Additionally, the statement in the first paragraph of my recent article (Holland, op. cit.) concerning the number and distribution of species of *Prosopis* is in error. According to Burkart and Simpson (*In* Simpson, op. cit.), the genus contains 44 species, 40 of which occur in the New World.—Dan C. Holland, Dept. of Biology, Univ. Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette 70504-2451 and Barrett Anderson, Dept. of Botany, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco 94118. (Received 29 Mar 1988; revision accepted 12 Sep 1988.)